

## Northern Region Quality Improvement Committee

Meeting Dates:	July 18, 2008	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items/ Studies:	<u>July 18, 2008</u> Project - Locating Kin	<u>July 18, 2008</u> Discussed the proposal that Daryl Melton and Pam Clark put together. The focus of the project will be on clients who are close to aging out and who don't have a formal support system in place. Jean Marie, DCFS regional kinship specialist, discussed how far the division has come in terms of finding/placing with kin and specific homes. Explained the procedures/process the Division is required to follow in terms of locating kin. She now has two staff who have joined her on the kinship team. Neal Ashbridge, who oversees the region's permanency committee, will be invited to next month's meeting to discuss how he tracks the cases with clients who are languishing in care. He could help identify where the greatest needs are. The Family Support Center has \$11,000 dollars from last fiscal year that they would like to put towards this project. There is also mentoring project for adolescent youth from Judge Nelson's court that is being sponsored by the Court Improvement Project. Initially 5 youth who are in need of permanent connections will be identified to participate in that project.	
Other Business:	<u>July 18, 2008</u> Immersion Day	<u>July 18, 2008</u> Immersion Day will be held October 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	

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	<p>QI Summit</p> <p>IL Home</p> <p>Court with Lisa Michelle</p>	<p>2008. Along with other outside agencies, the Foster Care Citizen Review Board will be invited. There was discussion regarding being more selective on the consumer panel, making both panels smaller this time and conducting the panel portion before the lunch break.</p> <p>The QI Summit will be held November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The location to be announced.</p> <p>The IL home will undergo major remodeling in the basement. This will most likely be a 2-year project. Landscaping has begun.</p> <p>Those members of this committee that attended court with Lisa Michelle Church, DHS Director, found the experience to be very interesting and informative. They would recommend the experience to anyone.</p>	